

**Remarks**

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections of the claims in view of the amendments above and remarks that follow. Applicant has amended claims 5, 9, 13, and 21. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-24 are pending.

**I. Informality Objections**

A. The Examiner objected to claims 5, 13, and 21 as having insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the maximum register-pressure data". Applicant has amended claims 5, 13, and 21 to recite "a maximum register-pressure data," thereby obviating this objection.

B. The Examiner objected to claims 9 and 13 as having insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the computer procedure". Applicant has amended claims 9 and 13 to recite "the computer program," thereby obviating this objection.

C. The Examiner objected to claims 5, 9, 13, and 21 as being unclear to which entity the maximum pressure is and stated that the "maximum register pressure" and "site register-pressure" were not specifically defined in the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that "maximum register pressure" is adequately disclosed at least by page 13 of the Specification and that "site register-pressure" is adequately disclosed at least by pages 14-15 of the Specification.

## AMENDMENT

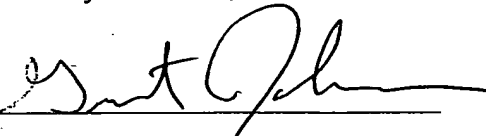
In addition, Applicant has amended claims 13 and 21 to clarify that the maximum register pressure in these claims is that in the parent procedure. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection with respect to claim 9 because this claim does not contain any references to "maximum register pressure."

### IV. Conclusion

It is to be understood that Applicant, by amending the claims, does not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or of Applicant's subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicant is not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the prior art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant responsive amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections. Allowance of all claims remaining in this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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